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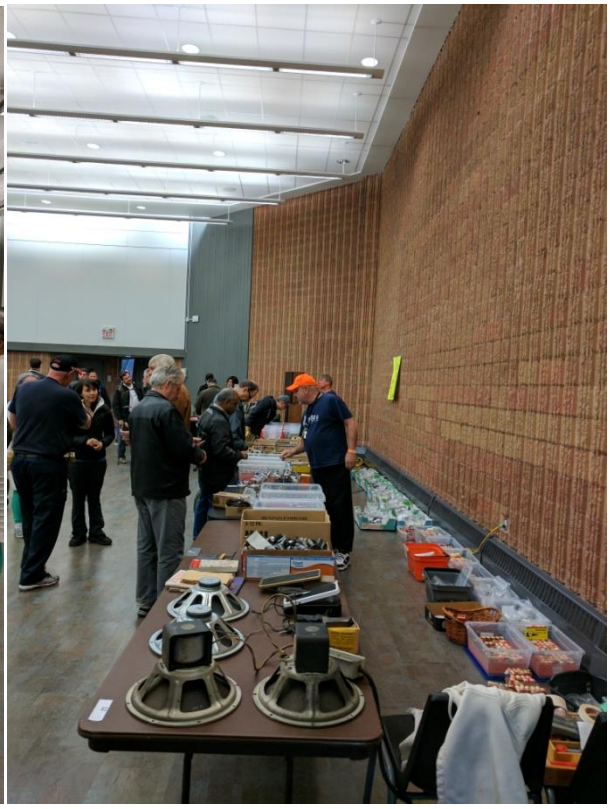
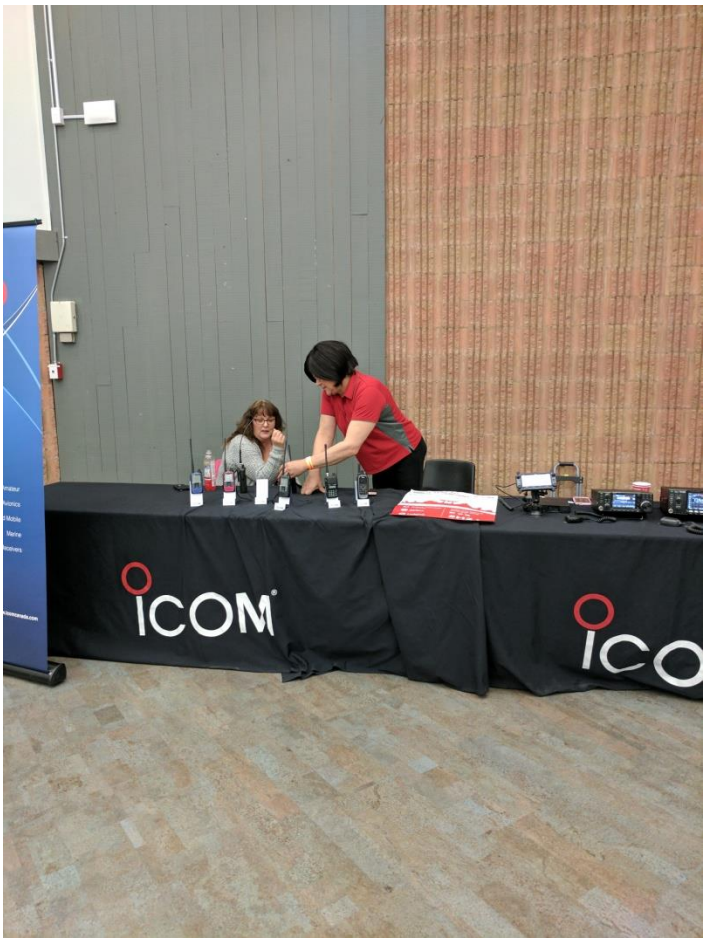
NORTH SHORE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

Hello everyone , well we have just completed our 41st Durham Hamfest and we had a great event. We sold 61 tables just a couple short of a sellout , first look was attendance might have been down a bit but I spoke to several vendors who reported doing a great business and were extremely happy with the results.
As usual the members of our club and SPARC came through helping us make this a great event.





Our new Icom Rep Rose LeBlanc was there with the Icom table and even upgraded the door prize to an Icom ID-51aplus digital handheld!
I also want to say Thank You to Mike VA3MCX who volunteered to help out.
I just want to thank everyone for all the help, job well done!

Wednesday Night Net- Don't forget everyone about the Wednesday Night , 2m Net at 7:00pm on VE3OSH.It was Alex Keller VE3ZSH who offered to run with this and he has been giving it a try and I am sure he would love your check-ins. Even if you can't stay just drop by and give a quick hello!

Saturday Morning Breakfast –Just a reminder that there is a small group of North Shore members and some other hams from the area that meet Saturday mornings for breakfast. They meet at Mommas Restaurant in the 5 Points Mall at Ritson and Taunton Rd's. They usually arrive around 8:30am and order around 8:50Am, so if you are up early and out and about, drop by and say hello to everyone!

UpComing Dates:

May 16,2017 at 7:0pm – Canwarn Training at 4905 Dufferin St ,Toronto

May 16, 2017 at 7:00Pm – Monthly Meeting , DMR Hotspots

June 20 ,2017 at 6:00Pm – Monthly meeting at Repeater site and BBQ

June 24 and 25th,2017 – Field Day at Purple Woods

August 13,2017- Ride 4 United Way

At our May meeting I will be bringing in my Shark RF Openspot DMR Hotspot. I hope to set it up and show how it works. There are several types of DMR Hotspots out there and most of them allow you to connect to the brandmeister DMR Network and some of the DMR-MARC using an internet connection. These hotspots also allow users with DMR Radios to connect to D-Star and also Fusion C4FM and vice versa. I chose the SharkRF Openspot as I will be using it at the Cottage where I have good internet but no DMR repeater access. Some of the other hotspots have built in wifi and some hams use them mobile with their cell phones while they are driving out of repeater range.

Don't forget our June meeting on Tuesday June 20, 2017 is our spring BBQ and get together at the Repeater Site at Purple Woods. Lots of good food and good friends, so mark it down on your calendar and hope to see you there.

This year's Field Day is fast approaching with the dates being Saturday June 24 and Sunday June 25. We will be setting up at Purple Woods again next to our Repeater, so if you are interested in helping out or getting on the air and want to do some operating, contact Martha VA3SBD and let her know.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out and we can always find you some operating time if you have a few minutes.

I will be operating digital PSK31 again this year so if you want to learn about that or just want to try it out and operate some digital , let us know and come on out. Also if anyone wants to share some operating time at my station , let me know I certainly don't mind socializing or having a nap while you make all those contacts!

Also if you have a few minutes and just want to drop by and say hi to the gang and have a coffee , come on by!

Hamvention Organizers "Counting Down the Hours," Anticipating up to 35,000 Visitors

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) treasurer and Hamvention® spokesperson Mike Kalter, W8CI, says that everything is falling into place for "a five-star event" at Hamvention's new venue, the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio, May 19-21.

"We're counting down the hours," Kalter told DX Engineering's Tim Duffy, K3LR, in a May 2 video, produced by DX Engineering. The theme for Hamvention 2017 is "Same friends, new home."

Kalter revealed to Duffy that after Hara Arena announced it would be closing last year, the Hamvention Organizing Committee pondered not staging a show at all in 2017. "We had thought we might not even have the event for another year and take more time and get it all set," Kalter said, "but our team was determined to do this."

The flea market at the new venue turned out to be "one of our more difficult areas," Kalter said. The Hamvention flea market will have the same number of booth spaces as in 2016. "It's looking like it will sell out, but we're not there yet," he told Duffy. Inside exhibitor booth space is in very good shape, he noted.

Kalter said he does not anticipate any problems with parking, explaining that free on- and off-site parking will be available, with shuttle bus service to and from Hamvention for off-site lots. Maps are now online to help visitors navigate what will be unfamiliar territory for most.

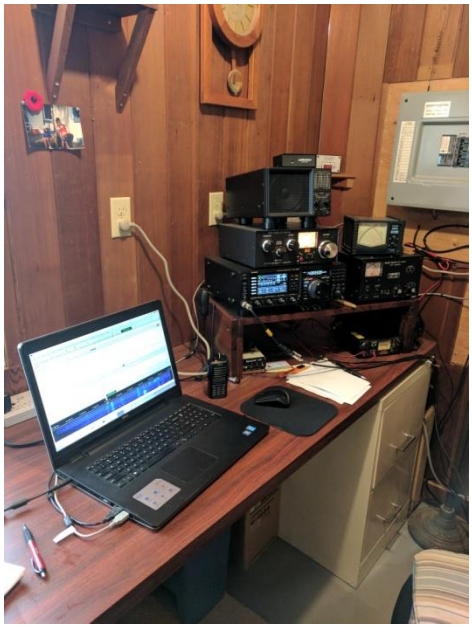
Tim Duffy, K3LR, and Mike Kalter, W8CI.

Kalter also told Duffy that he's expecting a bumper crop of attendees at Hamvention 2017. "The way ticket sales are going, and with most of the hotel/motel space sold out by mid-February...we're expecting between 30,000 and 35,000 people," he said. It's still possible to buy tickets online through May 17 and pick them up at the show.

Kalter said there was a lot of demand for forums this year, and Hamvention will be unable to accommodate any repeat sessions. Duffy noted that 2017 will mark his 35th year moderating the antenna forum.

"We're going to learn a lot this year," Kalter said. Some 600 DARA volunteers are involved in making Hamvention 2017 happen. "My hat's off to the whole team," he said. "It's a huge undertaking." (from ARRL Update)

For our October 23 ,2017 meeting we have arranged with Hugh VE3AYR of the Vimy Commemorative Station Society for a presentation on Vimy Ridge. Hugh is one of the operators for the special event VE100VIMY and publicity director for the event. So mark it on your calendars so you don't miss this presentation!



Well as I sit here in the shack on a rainy Saturday afternoon, I finally get to turn on the radio for only the second time in 8 months. The bands are pretty quiet but still a few PSK31 signals on the band so there is hope yet. As I look back at the 12 short years that I have been a Ham and see all the changes that have occurred, I've come to realize that not everyone is of the opinion that these changes are good. Some of the old timers say things have gone downhill with the no code licence and all of the new modes. I don't see it that way. I see all the new modes and digital radio whether HF or DMR, Fusion or D-Star as a way to explore, learn and play with. I know changes can be hard to accept sometimes but as we move forward into the Digital age we hope to entice younger people to take an interest in the hobby. The hope is that with the introduction of this new technology we can inspire the younger generation into joining us.

I would like to explore more of the new and different modes myself but I find it hard to find the time without giving up what I really enjoy which is HF operation. We all must be patient and encourage all facets of our great hobby!

Well that is all for now and I hope to see everyone at the meeting on Tuesday and don't forget to mark our June meeting and BBQ on June 20, 2017 in your calendars.

73 de Steve *VA3TPS*